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SUBJ: FIFTH COMITE: INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVICE

COMMISSION (ICSC)

SUMMARY: FIFTH COMITE AFTERNOON OF DECEMBER 6 VOTED TO RECOMMEND TO GA THAT CONSIDERATION OF ESTABLISHMENT ICSC BE DEFERRED TO 29TH GA AND THAT GA REQUEST SYG TO COMMUNICATE TEXT OF DRAFT ICSC STATUTE TO GOVTS FOR COMMENT AND TO SUBMIT REPORT TO 29TH GA. END SUMMARY

1. FIFTH COMITE AFTER SEVERAL DAYS OF DEBATE AND CORRIDOR JOCKEYING UNSUCCESSFUL IN COMING TO GRIPS WITH ISSUES OF WHETHER TO GIVE STATUTORY ALLOCATION OF FUNCTIONS TO FULL-TIME MEMBERS ICSC OR TO PROVIDE STATUTORY EQUALITY TO ALL MEMBERS, AND OF NUMBER OF FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME
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MEMBERS TO BE INCLUDED ON ICSC. COMITE APPROVED IN ROLL

CALL VOTE ALGERIAN PROPOSAL (A/C.5/L.1150) TO RECOMMEND TO GA THAT CONSIDERATION OF ESTABLISHMENT ICSC BE DEFERRED TO 29TH GA AND THAT SYG BE REQUESTED TO COMMUNICATE DRAFT ICSC STATUTE TO MEMBER STATES FOR COMMENT AND TO SUBMIT REPORT TO 29TH GA. VOTE WAS 42 (MOSTLY NON-ALIGNED PLUS CHINA)-16 (MIXTURE OF WEO'S AND NON-ALIGNED)-32(US, BLOC PLUS SOME WEO'S AND NON-ALIGNED). COMITE VOTED TO WAIVE 24 HOUR RULE IN ORDER TO VOTE ON ALGERIAN PROPOSAL ON SAME DAY IT INTRODUCED.

2. INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVICE ADVISORY BOARD (ICSAB) WILL CONTINUE IN EXISTENCE IN INTERIM. IT LIKELY ICSAB WILL BE ASKED URGENTLY TO CONSIDER UN SALARY ADJUSTMENTS IF PROPOSALS FOR SALARY INCREASE FOR UN PROFESSIONAL STAFF NOT TABLED AND ACTED ON BY 28TH GA.

3. COMITE ACTION TAKEN AGAINST BACKGROUND OF SPLIT IN GROUP OF 77 WHICH SOUGHT IMPOSE GROUP SOLIDARITY ON ISSUES BEFORE COMITE AND SPLIT IN WEO GROUP. 77 CAME CLOSE TO DECISION TO SOLIDLY BACK PROPOSAL FOR FIVE MEMBER ICSC, ALL FULL-TIME, COMPOSED OF ONE MEMBER FROM EACH MAJOR GROUP (WEO, EE, AF, LA, AND ASIA). GHANA (CLELAND) FORMALLY PROPOSED (A/C.5/L.1149) THAT COMITE RECOMMEND TO GA THAT MEMBER FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRY BE DESIGNATED CHAIRMAN ICSC; OUR SOUNDINGS INDICATED ENOUGH VOTES LIKELY AVAILABLE IN GROUP OF 77 TO CARRY PROPOSAL.

4. US ABSTENTION BASED ON CONCLUSION THAT SOME DELEGATIONS HAD COMPROMISED SITUATION BEYOND REPAIR THIS SESSION AND OUTLOOK FOR ADOPTION OF STATUTE WE COULD SUPPORT EXTREMELY REMOTE.
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